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DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF ATLANTIC INSTITUTE IS NOW EXPECTED  
ANNOUNCE AMBASSADOR LODGE'S SELECTION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL  
ON NOVEMBER 8. NATO SECRETARIATE YESTERDAY MADE AVAILABLE  
SPACE IN PRESS AREA FOR INFORMAL A. I. COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
WHICH LED TO FLURRY OF CONCERN THAT ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF LODGE'S POSITION WOULD BE MADE UNDER NATO "AUSPICES".  
WE HAVE ASSURANCES LODGE'S ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AT  
TEMPORARY A. I. HEADQUARTERS AT HOTEL CRILLON.

RUMORS CIRCULATING HERE OF LAST MINUTE EFFORTS BY SMALL  
BELGIAN CLIQUE AND MILAN INSTITUTE INTERESTS TO PREVENT  
LODGE ELECTION ARE NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

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